

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph of page 1 to read:

-- ~~Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of German Patent Application No. 196 32 521.8 filed August 13, 1996 and of German Patent Application No. 197 25 362.8 filed June 16, 1997. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 365 and 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/EP 97/04396 filed August 13, 1997. The international patent application was not published in English under PCT article 21 (2). This application is the National Stage of PCT/EP97/04396, filed August 13, 1997.~~ --